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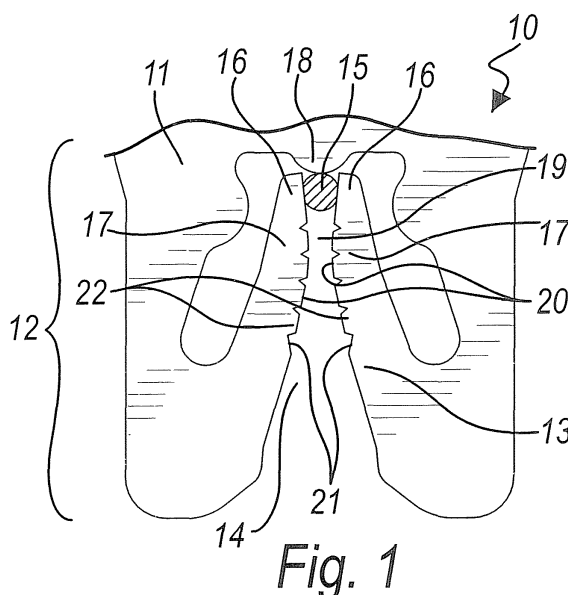
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(54) **Terminal for enameled electric wires**

(57) A terminal for enameled electric wires, of the type constituted by a plate-like body (11; 111) which forms a connecting fork (12; 112) with tabs (13; 113) which cantilever inward on the same plane of arrangement as the plate-like body (11; 111); the tabs (13; 113) face each other so as to form a self-centering tapered opening (14) for guiding the insertion of an electric wire (15) with insulating enameling, the wire being adapted to be locked between the ends (16) of the tips (17; 117) of the tabs (13; 113) and an abutment (18) formed on the

plate-like body (11) proximate to the ends (16), with an axis which lies transversely to the arrangement of the plate-like body (11; 111); the tips (17; 117) form a cut-through slot (19) whose transverse dimensions are smaller than the diameter of the enameled wire (15), so as to cut through at least its insulating layer during its passage between them and provide electrical contact. At least one of the facing edges of the cut-through tips (17; 117) has a serrated portion (20; 120) in order to scrape and remove the layer of enamel from the surface of the enameled electric wire (15).





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Terminal, for which a procedure for making the serrations is specified.

1.1. claims: 2,11

2. claims: 5-10

Terminal , for which special shapes of the serrations are specified

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